

PhilMont Mobile Radio Club

# The BLURB



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## 12<sup>TH</sup> YEAR IN SPACE

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JANUARY 31 1958

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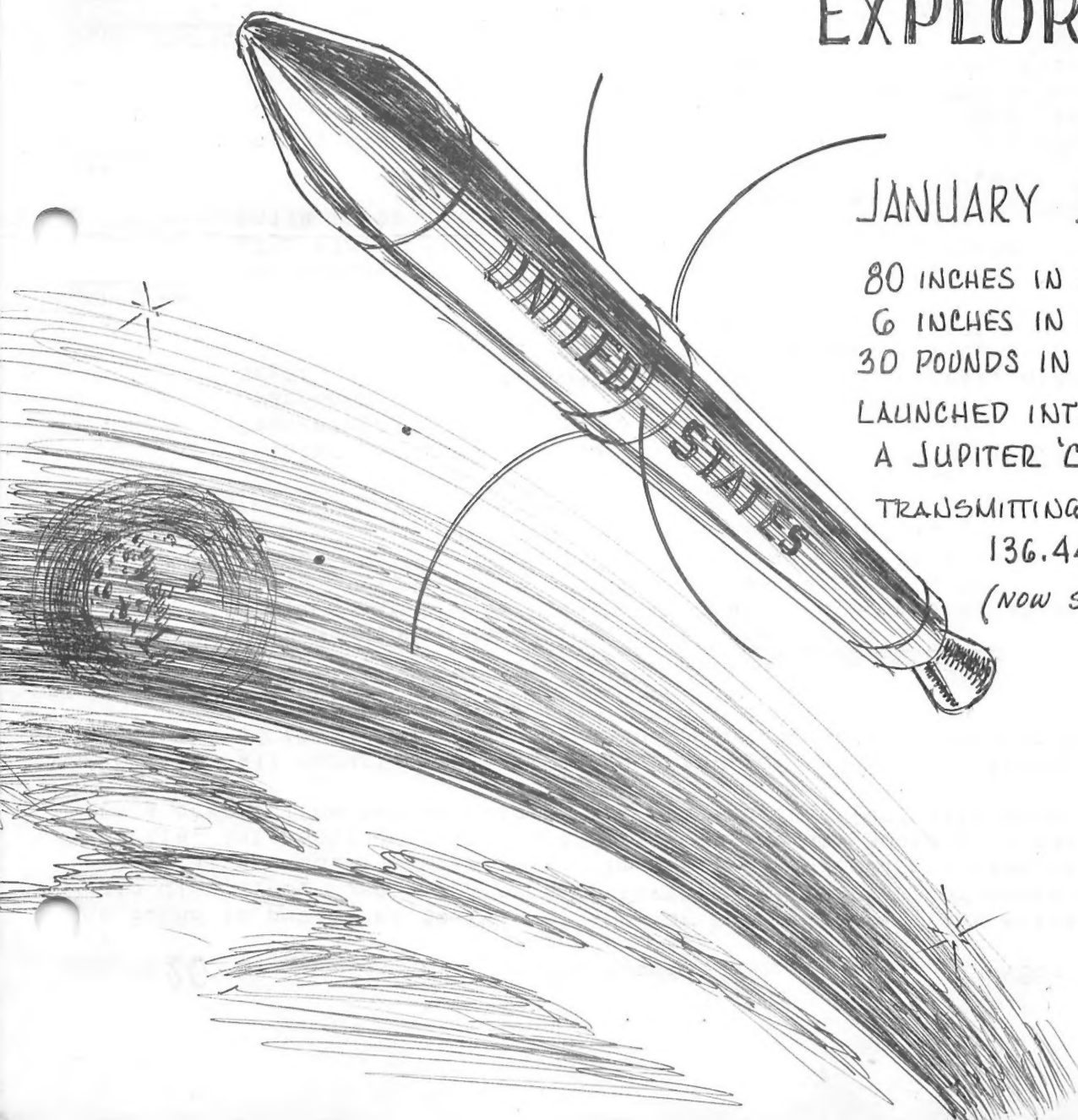
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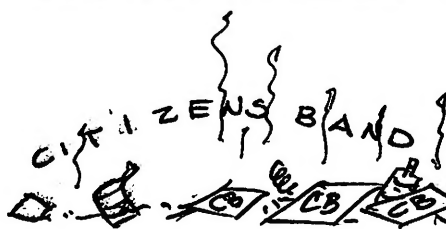
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29.493mhz-1000 Sunday (10-on-10) monitored daily; 29.626mhz 2nd Freq.;  
repeater input 29.640mhz open; 3993khz SSB-0730-0845 daily; 52.525mhz (FM);  
147.78mhz.

**Sam's** HALF ACRE

WHY CAN NOT THIS BE DONE?



## THE PREZ SEZ

Gone from the scene is another old time Phil-Monter who was respected by all. The "Jeeper" will be sorely missed. In the spirit of "Jeeper" and others like W3QV, W3IW, W3WNC, W3LNQ, etc. now silent keys but who once sparked life and activity on Channel 1 and in the meetings, PMRC once made a film entitled "Every Single Minute". For those who have not seen this motion picture it was professional in every respect and depicted some of the activities Phil-Mont so proudly once participated in.

Why did Phil-Mont make this film? It was made to advertise our club - to "toot our horn" - to attract new members. Several copies of the film were constantly being shown at clubs all over the country; Phil-Mont was known by thousands of hams. At that time we had only a small trailer with a few pieces of gear which was the nucleus of our field days and emergency operations. The club's activities were made effective by the participation of many mobiles and volunteers, Phil-Mont lived and grew.

Today, for the most part, the mobiles on Channel 1 are gone. The little trailer has been replaced by one of the most sophisticated communication vehicles around anywhere. That vehicle is a tribute to W3QQH and indeed to all the members who made it possible. But alas, this vehicle, the crowning achievement, functions only to take space at the Edge Hill Fire Company's parking lot 99% of the time. The club, atrophied, exists only because of the handful of dedicated members who are necessary to even make meetings possible. We have evolved to the point that the \$6 dues are all that some of us think the club needs to continue. When a suggestion to shake some of the cobwebs off the inactive members is made, cries of negativism and financial loss are heard. I say lets separate the doers from the have dones, lets get that bus out to other clubs, lets make a club for those who participate and maybe then we can again say we're ready - Every Single Minute.

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Dick W3WXC

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	February 2	Regular Meeting - Franklin Institute, 4th floor classroom at 8 PM. Program: <u>A 6 Meter Repeater</u> . A slide and oral presentation by Ed Kushner W3HKZ of WCAU.
Wednesday	February 18	Mid-Month QTH of K3KNH at 8 PM.
Monday	February 26	Blurb folding at QTH of W3QQH 7 PM.

PHILMONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB, INC.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1970

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Surplus 12/31/69	\$382.39	
Prepaid 1970 Dues	<u>180.00</u>	
Balance on Hand 12/31/69		\$ 562.39

Income

Dues	\$470.00	
Prize Drawing	100.00	
Refreshments	40.00	
Auction Receipts	50.00	
Donations	50.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>200.00</u>	\$1472.39

Expenditures

Refreshments	\$ 60.00	
Stationary	25.00	
Flower Fund	40.00	
Special Events	100.00	
Prize Drawings	100.00	
Blurb Expense	250.00	
F.I. Base Station	75.00	
Capital Improvement Fund	200.00	
Comm. Bus Maintenance	125.00	
Comm. Bus Comm Equipment	100.00	
Miscellaneous	200.00	
Amortization of Bonds	100.00	
Cash Balance 12/31/70	<u>97.39</u>	\$1472.39

The above budget is presented for consideration of the membership by the Budget Committee.

W3GOW Chairman	W3WXC
W3DSG	K3KNH
W3NYL	W3KN
W3QQH	

As the Northern Reporter (does he still have a call?) well knew (and also QQH who probably put him up to it, W3AWH (who also has an old typewriter) will not sit idly by and permit the monstrous libel that he killed the spirit of this club go unanswered. Bah humbug! True, AWH before he lost most of his hair helped eliminate absentee balloting but that immediately increased the spirit and participation of the members and was responsible for the huge turnout for that election which had to be held in the Institute auditorium. The NR's memory is as erratic as his bridge playing and meeting attendance. Group dynamics indeed. The closest NR ever gets to a dynamic group is on New Year's Eve. But I digress, as is my wont occasionally. No one ever seriously considered the elimination of absentee balloting as a threat to the existence of the club. It was absolutely necessary at that time in order to prevent NIP from controlling the annual election by his masterful way of persuading all and sundry and some not so sundry to give him their absentee ballots. The same conditions do not prevail today and that is why the elimination of absentee ballots is no longer necessary. The great controversy and fear that NR is trying to remember but has confused, as is his wont, with absentee balloting was the serious contention that the elimination of the ceiling on membership of 100 members would be catastrophic. Huge numbers would supposedly want to join and the club would become unmanageable. This never did materialize but many of the elders, including charter members, were really worried at the time.

For the newcomers, each of the older members has his own reasons of what made Philmont great. Some were its spirit; its incorporation; a new financial policy of collecting the dues at the beginning of the year so that an orderly budget for the year could be planned and achieved; meeting programs each month involving the members as participants; midmonth meetings at the homes of as many different members as possible; the basal metabolism of QQH and his overactive thyroid; the energy and dedication of the various editors of the club paper; the name and activity of every member of the club appearing regularly in the club paper; the Tech-ni-gram; Channel one; helping hands and so much more. Some of the reasons why the club is different (not declining) today are the loss of QV who was always there, WNC who really cared, IW, LNQ, UMK, GNJ, and now JPP, stout lads all; the absence of YJM, VXN, VXU, SAI, PXY, PBR, KNC, JIL, IRS, IM, HFD, EQV and so many others; other reasons why things are a little different now are possibly the lower levels of metabolic activity of QQH who is getting old and grey; NIP devoting more time to politics which he formerly shared with the club; and perhaps even AWH retiring after years and years as Program Chairman and Nominating Committee Chairman (you must have forgotten about that, MR). These incidentally are the two key committees. If they are strong, and result in strong officers and programs and you have a good paper, then you have Philmont that we all admire and remember.

So, NR, as said above, there's been no decline, no real weakening, but only the passage of time, for Philmont is not any member or group of members, nor activities, nor attendance at meetings but rather Philmont is and always has been a state of mind and that state of mind for those of us who remain will never change.

Goodnite NR, wherever you are.  
P.S. Molly says Hello.

After attending the January meeting at the Institute and hearing the proposal to change the By-Laws from our President W3WXC, the By-Law Committee would like to propose to PMRC the following change to our By-Laws.-

PROPOSED ARTICLE 3, Section 6 - Supporting Member

Supporting membership is reserved for those active members who for desire or reason do not attend meetings but still desire to support the club. The Supporting Member has all the rights and privileges afforded the Active Member except that he may not be appointed to, be nominated for, or hold any office including member of the Board of Directors. During the months of January and July of each year (beginning in 1971) the Secretary shall review meeting attendance of each active member for the preceeding 12 month period. Those active members not attending at least three (3) meetings during the preceeding 12 month period shall automatically become Supporting Members. Notification of change from Active to Supporting Membership classification shall be given each applicable member and to the Board of Directors (by the Secretary) not later than the last day of the month of determination.

A Supporting Member shall be returned to Active Membership if after attending three (3) meetings, during a twelve (12) month period, he petitions the Secretary for reinstatement. The Secretary shall, after verifying attendance minimums, notify the member and the Board of Directors of the member's reinstatement within 31 days of said petition.

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The voting for the above change will be held in March at our meeting in the Institute.

The proposed section that W3WXC presented to the By-Law Committee appears that it would get some life back into our club. As we all know the club needs something, with this in mind the By-Law Committee is in favor of this change to our By-Laws.

I would like to point out when this change is voted in, it does not affect any one until 1971. Thus, if we want to remain active members all we will be required to do is attend at least three (3) meetings out of the twenty-four (24) that we have each year. A supporting member still will have the right to vote on all questions, as well as, for officers and Board of Director members. He will be able to take a part in any activity including being a committee chairman. The only thing that the Supporting Member cannot do that an active member can do, is run for an officer or member of the Board of Directors.

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Edward J. Jars, K3TKZ  
Chairman By-Laws Committee

Heard on Channel 1 recently:

W3AAG and W3CW in QSO. Barney was telling about his electrolytic detector which he spilled on the rug! Later the rug developed a hole, which remained as evidence for many years.

W3AAG told about when he and a friend hooked up a crystal detector to a wire which went up a 200 foot tower in Mount Airy. They heard stations on mcw as far away as Key West, Florida! The year this took place was 1912, or so the story goes.

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WA3KLR has used W3VVS's equipment more since he got his general license, than VVS did in the last 10 years.

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over the holidays, VVS built several power supplies and is not on 146.94 mcs. FM

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WA3DSP, Doug Crompton, operates K5TYP on 21.450 mc SSB each Sunday at 3 P.M. Try to listen to him

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QQH and VVS operating 52.525 mcs mobile, checked out possible interference to Willow Grove Second Alarmers communication set-up

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TKQ is not using a modified ERCO transmitter-AM, 140 watts output, audio compression, etc. donated by Bell Telephone thru ADV. Shortly, this rig will become the output transmitter of the Phil-Mont repeater.

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WA3KLR and Rick Spencer have used QQH's gear more than he will in the next 11 years.

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Understand that the northern reporter is addicted to Southern comfort. His first target is rumored to be considering a libel suit. W3ADF has been engaged as counsel. There are three counties in which suit may be brought. They expect to try all three!!!

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Did you know that the northern reporter is an associate member?

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W3WXC received his private pilot's license in December. Maybe we'll hear Dick on the frequency aeronautical mobile soon

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There were 5 Moores present at this month's meeting, including 3 Roberts!!!

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We regretfully announce the passing into silent keys of Fred H. Travers, W3JPP. "Jeeper" was well known for his cheery greetings on Channel one from his home in Wyndmoor. A retired employee of the Phila. Electric Company, he gave Phil-Mont an insight into the problems of electrical power transmission and blackouts with his program on that subject some months ago. He was a brother of Frank Travers, W3LNQ, and Grace Burket, xyl of W3HQJ. His good nature and knowledge will be sorely missed by our fraternity.



If by chance you are reading this epistle for the first time you are lost forever unless you go back to the last one.....The NR runs to the end of the paper and cuts off at any convenient word -- to pick up again when he gets more paper - an another Blurb to fill up.-----  
Now then there are some other movements in the club that have advocated - we don't want an annual banquet because we can't get 500 people out and Glen Miller's band to entertain. Every banquet the NR attended was great - lots of rag chewing - noisey females - some good music - some good food - a chance to see all the cats and their chicks. True it has been a lot of work, Spence did it several years - Al did a good job - lots of others. This is a degenerative problem having at its source the same kind of root. The older crowd ran it very successfully for many years and got tired of carrying the ball which should be handed down year after year to others on a planned basis. We have a club management up to kazoo with nothing to do. How about a few activities - that we all agree upon-handed to this management automatically as a function of the office? As if by design - you may not have noticed that all the offices at the election were well filled with nominees - but did you analyze the list? Many of the slots were rounded out by the old cats who were not about ready to let the quality of the office slide - many who have had the offices several times before - and did commendable jobs - these fellows were shoring up the ranks to see that the ball was not dropped - they were prepared to carry the ball if necessary but not all discouraged by the fact that the leadership went over to others. Pretty sneaky but well done and as it turned out there wasn't a bum in the lot - all high caliber fellows- both the old cats and the new cats (and the old cats who were by far in the voting majority) sensed what was needed and voted some new talent into office. The wheel is making the full turn. We heard a terrible rumor that the ole ivory hunter in Narberth was marking off his 1970 calender to free up the first Monday of the month? Someone said his call is W3RGS? W3G\$D makes a whollopig signal into the far reaches of the north. Since W3GBA - Sam has such a fine transmitting location in the North or possibly others in the South etc. is it possible to extend the " relay station concept" to other areas with gear designed on a much more simplified basis to tie in other areas? The calling freq on 2 meters is country wide with relays all over the place - the most you need in any of the big cities Chicago - New York is a good quality walkie talkie. W9GVI pulled one out of his pocket on the top of the Empire State bldg - called CQ twice and talked for two hours to about 20 fellows until his battery needed recharging. John W9GVI met W3NIP at the NR's qth and found that they were buzzum buddies ala war days in the Phillipines. They swapped lies for 3 solid hours - like bootlegging - rhombics - 810 in the final and the like. Chuck had talked to John after the war was over in the Phillipines when Chuck was radio officer in Manila and John was stationed up north at another base. John had an "adopted" call because the paperwork was so slow in coming thru. They were buzzum buddies over the air for a long time in the Phillipines and never met until the NR invited them both one evening to Bucks County farm house hospitality - great fun all around and what a pack of lies were flowing that nite. Peggy, the Politician, never had a chance to get a word in edgewise - you won't really appreciate this overstatement of 1970



if you have never had the unusual experience of meeting Peg. Now talking about politicians - it will take a lot of space that will have to be reserved for next issues. The ole story about the female behind the "power" holds here - Chuck ran for supervisor but Peggy won?? Down in Newtown Square it is a battle of the ins and the outs. Peggy didn't like the ins and kicked Chuck in the slats to do something about it so he proceeded to get the outs - in and the ins out. At this point the outs are in and want out. If you can make any sense to this switcherooing you had better run for Supervisor of Newtown Square because that is precisely (almost) what happened. It all started with too many gas stations on both sides of the street. New - Sq decided it was too expensive to put in curbs on their four lane highways so they put in gas stations instead - have you ever noticed? So if you have a problem of financing curbs for your highways which degenerates to gas stations to politics - ins and outs - call Peggy - she's an expert. You will never believe the story about the ole geezer who also happens to be one of the antique club members (before 1950) who got mousetrapped in the incentive licensing bind with only a general ticket (he has had a license for the last 150 years). You know the bit about the rolling stone - full turn of the wheel etc etc - well-turns out the O-G had a grandson who listened to the chirping and burping of the O-G's ham rig since the day he could look over his knee. Grandson (GS) got hot thru the years into the ripe old age of about 12 and he decided to get a novice ticket - which he did - with the O-G passing him on the code. Well hot rod GS was not about to stay still with those limited frequencies at all so he proceeds to go after his Advanced Ticket by studying up on theory etc. GS was nearing the time for the big exam - now keep in mind that the ole geezer has only a general ticket. Well O-G was not about to be out done by GS so at the last minute the O-G gets out the theory book and studies literally into the wee hours of the morning so he could go down to see FCC Joe and get the Advanced ticket along with GS. Well they both took the test and you will never believe who came away with an advanced ticket and who didn't. Please don't destroy the first issue of this NR's fine reporting or else you will for ever more be unable to decipher the next issues of the Blurb. This got to be such a big problem years ago in the TVI Retreat Days that the "Retreat" surpassed the Sears & Roebuck catalog as wallpaper on some of the better known outside back door facilities. You recall we were talking about a smooth headed fellow with a charming wife a while back-well we are not done with him yet - next time.....equal time.....etc.

SWAP AND SHOP

For Sale - Model 19 teletype equipment, Model 14 TD, and power supply. Contact Charlie Easler WA3BGM, LE4-1382 \$100.00

For Sale - Viking I all band transmitter  
Contact Doc Burket, W3HQJ, LA5-2472

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